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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

Boppana, et al.

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For:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED ACCURATE
PRELAYOUT ESTIMATION OF STANDARD CELL
CHARACTERISTICS

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**Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment and Request for Extension of Time in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be **\$225.00** (small entity) to extend the time for filing this response until **August 9, 2006**.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	30	Minus	32	0	x \$50.00	\$0
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$0		

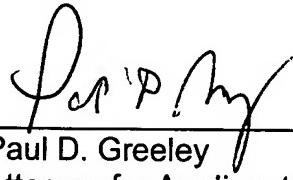


The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 225.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

August 9, 2006

Date


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